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Crops Are Progressing Well

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures throughout the state were mostly at or below average, ranging from 16 to 33 degrees at night and from 58 to 79 degrees during the day. The state received moisture in scattered areas, ranging from a low of 0.01 inches around the Mountain Home and Burley areas to high of 1.90 inches in the Grangeville area. For the week ending April 17, major agricultural activities included spreading manure, heavy tillage, and planting. Producers in most areas having started irrigating crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Lambing and Calving have both progressed to 95% complete. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 5% short, 93% adequate, and 2% surplus. Lambing and calving are reported to be going well.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Planted	3	3	1
Oats Planted	42	48	30
Oats Emerged	24	19	8
Onions Emerged	81	45	42
Dry Peas Planted	65	63	26
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Lentils Planted	47	36	11

Field Crop Report

Statewide, winter wheat remains mostly in good or excellent condition, and 6% is reported to be jointed. Spring grains are emerging with the aid of optimal growing conditions. Nez Perce County Extension Educators reported that recent rain storms have prevented the remaining 10 to 15% of cropland from being planted. Gem County Extension Educators are seeing some frost damage to the cherry crop. Cassia County Extension Educators reported that approximately 5% of the sugarbeet crop having to be replanted because of frost damage. Other producers are watering to try to get the remaining sugarbeets to emerge. Franklin County Extension Educators reported that farmers are just now able to get into their fields to begin planting. The ground in Caribou County is still too wet for any field work. Mormon crickets are starting to be seen in Oneida County. Potato planting is underway in Power County.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 21% short, 70% adequate, and 9% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	--	5	83	12
Irr. Water Supply	2	37	37	24	--
Range & Pasture	--	--	37	61	2

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	79	82	33	92	90	95	98	96	83	40	53	44	60	66	50
Emerged	32	17	6	71	69	77	56	56	37	8	13	10	23	22	16
Barley															
Planted	53	67	28	95	90	95	89	93	85	3	23	25	32	48	41
Emerged	29	12	5	66	68	78	51	39	33	--	1	2	17	13	12
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	20	43	35	6	14	15	--	2	2	3	7	8
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	77	90	89	82	95	68	68	89	56	79	93	70
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	66	48	46	14	22	8	--	--	4	22	23	15

Avg (2000-2004); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 17, 2005 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of April	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	64	30	45	-4	188	15	0	0.04	-0.17	0.09	1.74	3.24
Grangeville	68	26	42	-3	150	8	0	1.90	1.25	3.59	4.51	3.90
Lewiston	69	33	50	-1	420	65	8	1.14	0.84	1.52	2.67	1.79
Sand Point	58	25	43	-2	118	2	0	0.37	-0.16	1.03	5.75	4.13
Southwest												
Boise	76	27	49	0	334	42	0	0.07	-0.22	0.48	1.76	2.12
Caldwell	79	27	51	-1	357	51	14	0.03	-0.23	0.24	0.35	1.96
Emmett	63	27	43	-7	280	37	1	0.00	-0.28	0.21	1.03	2.29
Mountain Home	75	27	49	0	323	46	0	0.01	-0.19	0.17	0.97	1.65
Parma	65	25	45	-4	297	31	1	0.13	-0.10	0.43	1.03	1.77
Weiser 5/	62	29	--	--	320	38	1	0.03	-0.21	0.19	1.37	1.88
Southcentral												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	192	21	0	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.00	1.43
Burley	73	22	47	0	191	20	0	0.01	-0.21	0.19	1.09	1.54
Hill City	66	16	42	1	54	2	0	0.00	-0.23	0.30	2.93	1.81
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	423	106	11	0.00	-0.17	0.00	0.00	1.46
Malta	72	23	46	-1	216	27	0	0.00	-0.20	0.63	0.79	1.22
Twin Falls	75	23	45	-1	220	32	0	0.06	-0.17	0.21	1.32	1.71
East												
Aberdeen 5/	70	20	--	--	82	2	0	0.02	-0.15	0.05	0.56	1.20
Grace 5/	69	17	--	--	75	3	0	0.00	-0.32	0.19	0.38	2.14
Idaho Falls	72	22	45	1	84	2	0	0.00	-0.22	0.70	2.18	1.44
Malad City	72	22	46	1	142	14	0	0.00	-0.28	0.37	1.48	1.80
Pocatello	71	23	47	2	151	14	0	0.00	-0.27	1.27	2.83	1.97
Rexburg	69	22	44	0	70	2	0	0.00	-0.25	0.64	1.50	1.67
Salmon 5/	72	28	--	--	179	20	0	0.27	--	0.44	0.66	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.